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FOR ARA/CAR G PALAZZOLO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, BF (SHOBOK, MICHAIAH)(SHOFFNER, JAMES MICHAEL)

SUBJ: IMPENDING EXECUTION OF MICHAIAH SHOBOK, AKA JAMES MICHAEL  
SHOFFNER

REF: NASSAU 898 AND PREVIOUS.

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MICHAIAH SHOBOK WILL HANG  
ON OCTOBER 7, 1975. SHOBOK HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR  
THE MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN IRWIN BORNSTEIN WHICH TOOK PLACE  
ON JANUARY 28, 1974 IN NASSAU. SHOBOK HAD HIS APPEAL AGAINST  
THIS SENTENCE DISMISSED LAST NOVEMBER AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME  
AFFAIRS HAS NOW ADVISED THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE BAHAMAS  
THAT THE CASE IS NOT A PROPER ONE IN WHICH TO EXERCISE THE  
ROYAL PREROGATIVE OF MERCY AND THAT THE LAW SHOULD TAKE ITS  
COURSE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INFORM MOTHER,

MRS. JUANITA SPENCER, 3137 NORTH JULIA ST., MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND ASCERTAINING DESIRED PLACE OF BURIAL  
FOLLOWING EXECUTION.

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